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**BAUCUS RETURNS FINANCE AGENDA TO HEALTH REFORM**  
**WITH HEARING ON KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS**  
**FOR LEGISLATION THIS YEAR**

*CBO Director Elmendorf to testify at 10:00 a.m. hearing on Wednesday, February 25*

**Washington, DC** – Senate Finance Committee Chairman **Max Baucus** (D-Mont.) will convene a hearing on **Wednesday, February 25, 2009**, to examine health care reform from a budgetary perspective. The hearing entitled, "Scoring Health Care Reform: CBO's Budget Options" will take place at **10:00 a.m.** in **Room 215** of the **Dirksen Senate Office Building**. Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Director Dr. Douglas Elmendorf will testify on the recent volumes on health care reform published by CBO. He will discuss what options Congress has to tackle the major challenges of reform and detail the likely impact of specific policy proposals on the health care system.

Baucus held twelve hearings and a day-long, bipartisan summit on health care before releasing his "Call to Action" for reform in November 2008. Baucus has called reforming America's health care system his number one priority for 2009 and has said he plans to introduce legislation in the first part of this year.

WHO: Senate Finance Committee  
U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Chairman

WHAT: Hearing on budget options for health care reform

WHERE: Senate Dirksen Office Building 215  
Washington, D.C. 20510

WHEN: Wednesday February 25, 2009  
10:00 a.m.

Media are encouraged to attend the hearing or to view the webcast and witness testimony at <http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/hearings.htm>.

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